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Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Tammam Sulaiman (Syrian Arab Republic)

I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 8th and 12th meetings, on 15 and 23 October 1998. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/53/SR.8 and 12).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/730/Add.2 and Add.3 and Add.3/Corr.2) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/474).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.12

4. At the 12th meeting, on 23 October, the representative of Canada and coordinator of the informal consultations on the item introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara" (A/C.5/53/L.12) submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.12 without a vote (see paragraph 6).



III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara¹ and taking note of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1198 (1998) of 18 September 1998,

Recalling its resolution 45/266 of 17 May 1991 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/228 B of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara as at 15 October 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 69,886,177 United States dollars, representing 21 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 21 September 1998, notes that some 17 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

¹ A/52/730/Add.2 and Add.3 and Add.3/Corr.2.

² A/53/474.

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

8. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the additional amount of 37,250,460 dollars gross (34,445,260 dollars net) for the operation of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, taking into account the amount of 22,749,540 dollars gross (21,473,540 dollars net) already appropriated for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998 under the provisions of its resolution 52/228 B;

9. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 22,749,540 dollars gross (21,473,540 dollars net) already apportioned for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998 under the terms of its resolution 52/228 B, to apportion the additional amount of 37,250,460 dollars gross (34,445,260 dollars net) for the period from 1 November 1998 to 30 June 1999 among Member States, at a monthly rate of 4,656,307.50 dollars gross (4,305,657.50 dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B and 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 31 October 1998;

10. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 2,805,200 dollars approved for the period from 1 November 1998 to 30 June 1999;

11. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

12. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara".



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Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Tammam Sulaiman (Syrian Arab Republic)

I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 8th and 12th meetings, on 15 and 23 October 1998. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/53/SR.8 and 12).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (A/52/772/Add.2) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/474).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.10

4. At the 12th meeting, on 23 October 1998, the Chairman introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan" (A/C.5/53/L.10), submitted on the basis of informal consultations.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.10 without a vote (see para. 6).



III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution 968 (1994) of 16 December 1994, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission of Observers, the latest of which was resolution 1167 (1998) of 14 May 1998,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1138 (1997) of 14 November 1997, by which the Council authorized the Secretary-General to expand the size of the Mission of Observers,

Recalling further its resolution 49/240 of 31 March 1995 on the financing of the Mission of Observers and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/229 B of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission of Observers are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission of Observers, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission of Observers,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission of Observers with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan as at 15 October 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 9.2 million United States dollars, representing some 22 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission of Observers to the period ending 31 October 1998, notes that some 16 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed

¹ A/52/772/Add.2.

² A/53/474.

contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission of Observers in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission of Observers is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Mission of Observers against General Service posts, commensurate with its requirements;

8. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan the amount of 11,984,880 United States dollars gross (11,128,880 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission of Observers for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, in addition to the initial amount of 8,015,120 dollars gross (7,587,120 dollars net) for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998, inclusive of an amount of 415,120 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, already appropriated and assessed under the terms of its resolution 52/229 B;

9. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 8,015,120 dollars gross (7,587,120 dollars net) already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 52/229 B, to apportion the additional amount of 11,984,800 dollars gross (11,128,880 dollars net) for the period from 1 November 1998 to 30 June 1999 among Member States, at a monthly rate of 1,498,100 dollars gross (1,391,110 dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B and 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission of Observers beyond 15 November 1998;

10. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the additional estimated staff assessment income of 856,000 dollars approved for the period from 1 November 1998 to 30 June 1999;

11. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission of Observers in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as

appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

12. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan".



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Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Tammam Sulaiman (Syrian Arab Republic)

I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 8th and 12th meetings, on 15 and 23 October 1998. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/53/SR.8 and 12).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (A/53/437) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/481).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.11

4. At the 12th meeting, on 23 October, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force" (A/C.5/53/L.11), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.11 without a vote (see para. 6).



III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolutions 983 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council decided that the United Nations Protection Force within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force, and 1186 (1998) of 21 July 1998, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 28 February 1999,

Recalling also its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/245 of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note of* the status of contributions to the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force as at 15 October 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 22.7 million United States dollars, representing 19 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending 30 June 1999, notes that some 19 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

¹ A/53/437

² A/53/481

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;
3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;
4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;
5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;
7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;
8. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force the amount of 29,000,000 dollars gross (28,170,800 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, in addition to the amount of 21,053,745 dollars gross (20,580,245 dollars net) already appropriated under the provisions of its resolution 52/245;
9. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into account the amount of 21,053,745 dollars gross (20,580,245 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with its resolution 52/245, to apportion, among Member States, the additional amount of 12,315,418 dollars gross (11,920,452 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1998 to 28 February 1999 in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;
10. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 394,966 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 1998 to 28 February 1999;
11. *Decides*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion, among Member States, the amount of 16,684,582 dollars gross (16,250,348 dollars net) for the period from 1 March to 30 June 1999 at a monthly rate of 4,171,145 dollars gross (4,062,587 dollars net), in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and taking into account the scale of assessments for 1999, as set out in resolution 52/215 A, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 28 February 1999;
12. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund

of the estimated staff assessment income of 434,234 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 March to 30 June 1999;

13. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-third session the agenda item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force".



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QUESTION OF CYPRUS

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Letter dated 26 October 1998 from the Permanent
Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 23 October 1998, I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus and of the flight information region of Nicosia by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded on 23, 24, 25 and 26 October 1998.

On 23 October, 14 military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force (6 F-16 and 8 F-4) entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations.

On 24 October, 20 Turkish military aircraft (10 F-16, 8 F-4 and 2 RF-4) entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations. The two RF-4 violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the areas of the Cape of Kormakitis and Karpasia.

On 25 October, 50 Turkish military aircraft (38 F-16, 8 F-4, 2 CN-235 and 2 KC-135) entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations. Fourteen F-16 and four F-4 aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia before exiting in a south-easterly direction. Two F-16 and two CN-235 aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the areas south of Paphos and the Cape of Apostle Andreas, respectively. The two KC-135 and eight F-16 exited in a south-easterly direction.

On 26 October, 31 Turkish military aircraft (18 F-16, 8 F-4, 2 CN-235 and 3 KC-135) entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations. Sixteen F-16 and four F-4 aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia



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before exiting in a south-easterly direction. Two F-16 and two CN-235 violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the areas south of Paphos and the Cape of Apostle Andreas, respectively. The two KC-135 and four F-4 exited in a south-easterly direction.

As stated in my previous letters, such unauthorized intrusions into the Nicosia flight information region and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus are in violation of international air traffic rules and, at the same time, are in contravention of the provisions of the Security Council resolutions on Cyprus, which state that such overflights increase tension on the island and undermine efforts towards achieving a final settlement.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I wish to strongly protest these new provocative acts by Turkey against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus. The frequency, intensity and large number of aircraft involved in the above violations are a further reminder of Turkey's offensive disregard of international law, the Charter of the United Nations and all the relevant decisions of the Organization on the question of Cyprus. Furthermore, these continuing overflights by the Turkish Air Force, as well as the presence of the Turkish military occupation forces on the island, constitute the underlying causes of tension in Cyprus.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 62, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sotos ZACKHEOS
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
